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About the installation scenarios

The testing system may be installed in one of two scenarios. Whichever scenario is installed, the hardware and software must meet Pearson VUE's minimum requirements listed on page 1-4.

If you intend to have more than nine test delivery workstations, we recommend you use the Server scenario.

Workgroup Scenario installation

In a Workgroup scenario installation, all testing system workstations are connected through a local area network (LAN) or workgroup, and the administration workstation provides shared file storage. This is illustrated below.

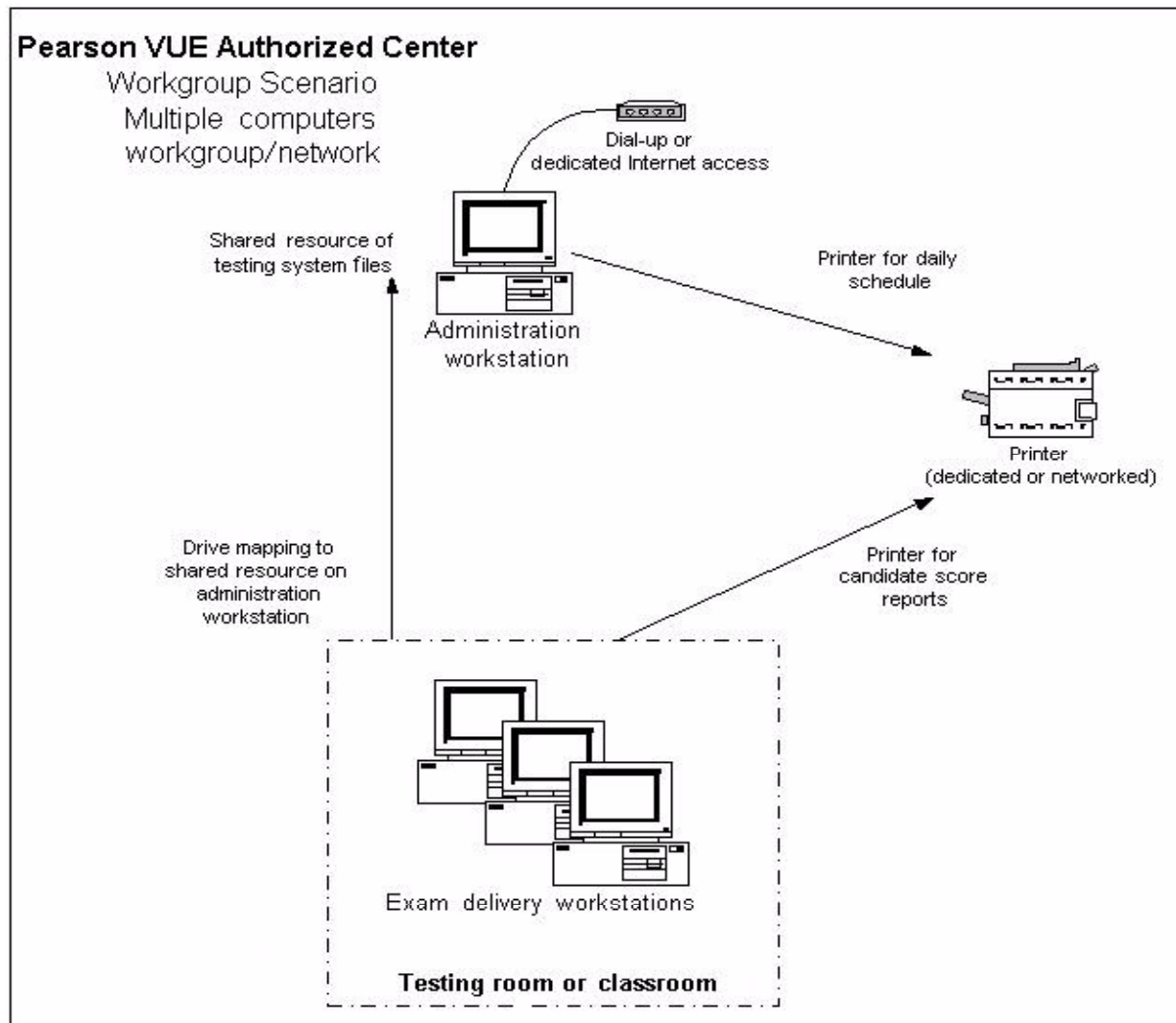


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Server Scenario installation

In a Server scenario installation, all testing system workstations are connected through a LAN, and a file server provides shared file storage. This is illustrated below.

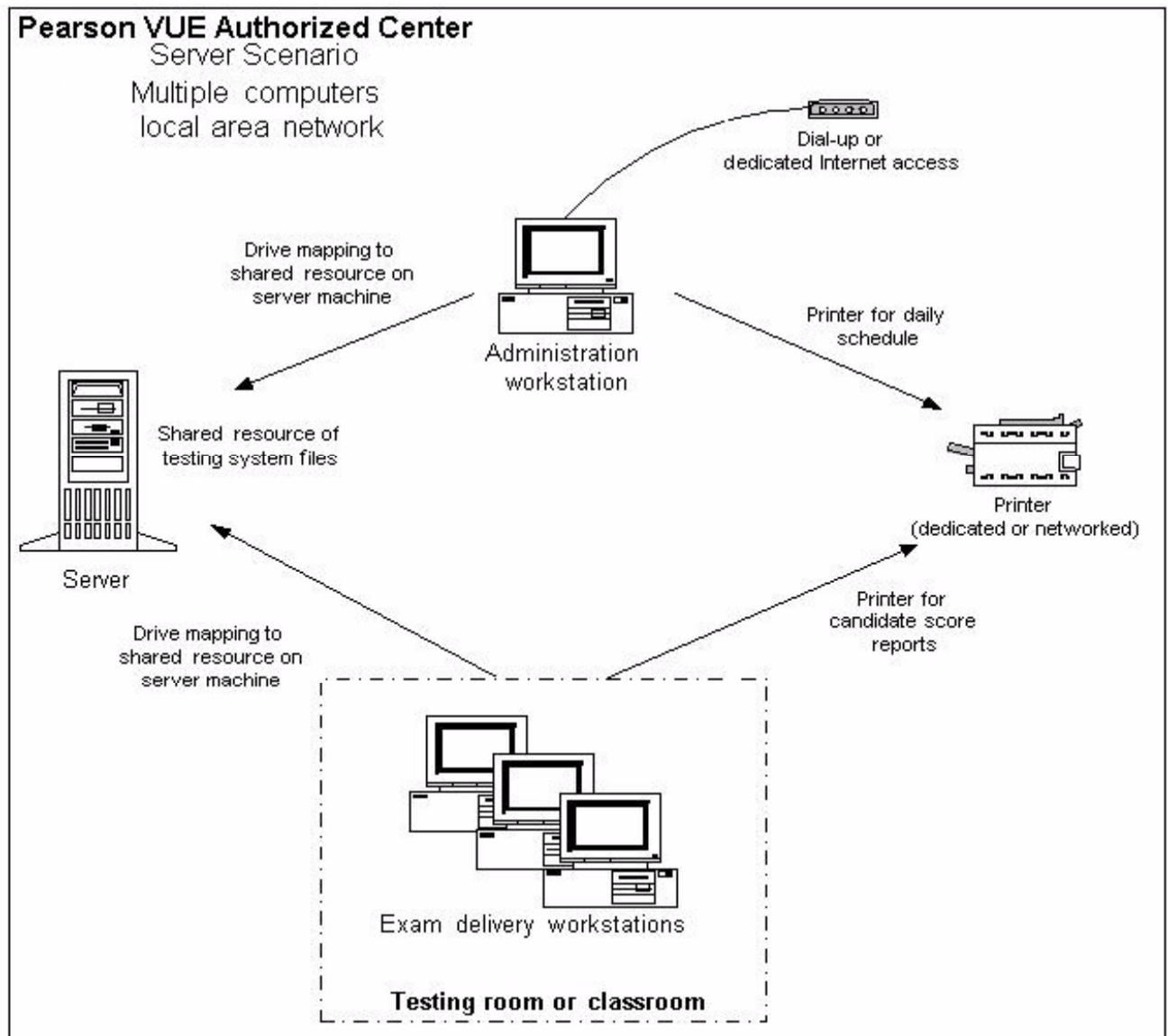


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System Requirements

Your center must meet the following minimum system requirements in order to install and run the Pearson VUE™ Testing System. The system specifications required will change periodically, in response to sponsors' and/or Pearson VUE's need to maintain industry standards. **Pearson VUE recommends that the equipment used in your test center meet the higher level of requirements wherever indicated.**

Administration Workstation and Exam Delivery Workstations

The minimum requirements for the *Administration Workstation* and *Exam Delivery Workstations* are essentially the same, with a few small exceptions as noted:

Item	Minimum Requirement	Notes
Processor	Pentium III, 1GHz	Prefer Pentium 4, 2 GHz
Operating System	Windows XP Professional or Windows 2000 Professional	Must be installed with latest released and supported Service Pack applied.
RAM	512 MB	
Hard Drive	4 GB available space	Prefer 10 GB on delivery workstation.
Video Adapter	High Color (16 bit), 1024 x 768 pixels, 8 MB Video RAM	Prefer True Color (32 bit), 1024 x 768 pixels, 32 MB Video RAM
Monitor	17 inch monitor or 15" Flat panel (eg LCD) monitor	Administration workstation may use 15 inch monitor.
Mouse and Keyboard	Required	
DVD-ROM Drive	Required on administration workstation only	
Audio Card	Soundblaster compatible audio	
Network Interface Card	100 Mbps capable	
LAN Connection	100 Mbps network throughput	Wireless networking not supported.
Internet Connection	Direct or dial-up	Required on the administration workstation (if dial-up, 56 Kbps modem required).
Printer	Laser quality 600 dpi with PostScript support	Accessible from administration and exam delivery workstations.
Virtual Memory Paging File	1.5 times installed RAM	
Internet Browser	Internet Explorer 5.5 SP 2	
Anti-Virus Software	Installed, enabled and regularly updated	

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Shared File Storage

The shared file storage must be accessible to the administration workstation and all exam delivery workstations.

- In a Workgroup Scenario configuration (also known as Scenario 2), the shared file storage is located on the local hard drive of the administration workstation.
- In a Server Scenario configuration (also known as Scenario 3), the shared file storage is on a separate file server.

Whichever scenario is installed, the following additional requirements apply to the shared file storage:

Item	Minimum Requirement	Notes
Network Operating System	Windows XP or Windows 2000	Must be installed with latest released and supported Service Pack applied. NetWare is no longer supported.
Hard Drive	4 GB available space	
Power Supply	UPS recommended	
System Backup	Performed daily	
Anti-Virus Software	Installed, enabled and regularly updated	